

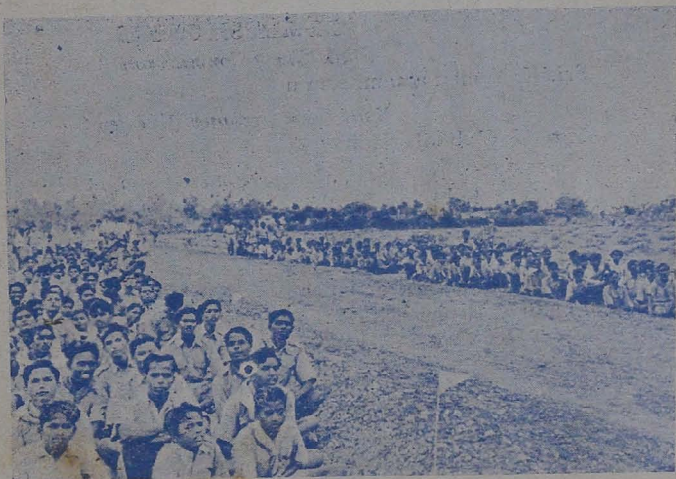


# The Bharat Scouts and Guides

## MADRAS STATE

REPORT FOR THE YEAR  
1954-1955

A Proud Achievement



The Road made by Scouts at Kattukkottai

STATE HEADQUARTERS  
MADRAS : INDIA

# **The Bharat Scouts and Guides,**

**MADRAS STATE**

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# The Bharat Scouts & Guides

## MADRAS STATE

*Report for the year 1954-55.*

**T**HE Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State, has been during the year under report very active and has made steady progress. Every effort has been made on all concerned to work the merger to success. This combined organisation for Scouts and Guides which began its useful career five years ago has justified by its sustained and harmonious work, the step taken to bring these two movements under one administration and Flag. This could not have happened, but for the hearty cooperation extended to us by the Officers and Scouts and Guides. The movement therefore has been able to extend its activities not only along lines which normally come under Scouting and Guiding programmes but also in Community Service, specially Rural Service, laying a strong foundation on which we can be sure of building a magnificent edifice for the future, whose usefulness to the youth of the Nation will be very great indeed.

### **The Third Annual Meeting**

The Third Annual Meeting of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State was held on 24th July 1954. Dr. A. Lakshmanaswamy Mudaliar, Vice-Chancellor, Madras University and former State Chief Commissioner who presided explained the importance of the Scout movement in developing a spirit of service among boys and girls, and appealed to parents to allow their children to become active members of the movement. Dr. Rm. Alagappa Chettiar President of the Association welcomed the guests and said that Dr. Lakshmanaswamy Mudaliar played a prominent part in the merger of the Scout and Guide Organisations. Sri V. S. Ratnasabhapathy, State Secretary presented the Annual Report. A notable event during the year, the report stated, was the association with the execution of the Community Projects under the Five Year plan. Sri K. Venkataswamy Naidu, State Chief Commissioner said that the Scout movement inculcated in the minds of the youth the lofty ideal of dignity of labour and a spirit of service and appealed for encouragement. Mrs. Clubwala Jadhav, State Commissioner Guides said that more rural camps should be held for Guides and Scouts. Dr. Mudaliar in his address referred to the Scout movement as "a great character building movement" and had helped in no small measure to make the youths good citizens. It

was an International movement and there was nothing in it which could justify criticism from any quarter whatsoever. Sri N. D. Sundaravadivelu, State Commissioner Scouts proposed a vote of thanks. The meeting was preceded by a Conference of Commissioners, Secretaries and workers, presided over by the State Chief Commissioner and the meeting of the State Council, presided over by the President, largely attended by delegates from the Districts.

### **Our Office-Bearers**

During the year under report Dr. Rm. Alagappa Chettiar continued to be our President Sri T. M. Narayanaswamy Pillay and Sri Ari Gowder as vice-Presidents Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, our State Chief Commissioner; Mrs. M. Clubwala Jadhav and Sri N. D. Sundaravadivelu, Director of Public Instruction as State Commissioners, Guides and Scouts respectively. Sri Sathrasala Venkataram was the Treasurer and Miss G. R. Samuel, Mrs. D. L. Gopal Ratnam, Mrs. Kanthamma Sundaravadivelu, Headquarters Commissioners (Guides) Messrs T. R. Kothandaram Mudaliar was Assistant State Commissioner for Central Division, K. S. Seshadry for Southern Division, C. S. V. Ramani Karikkar for West Coast Division and V. C. Subbaiah Gounder for the West Division. They have all rendered very valuable service to the movement in their respective spheres.

### **Our Movement—Origin**

The Scout Movement came to India in 1910. Dr. Annie Besant assisted by Dr. G. S. Arundale, established in 1916, the Indian Boy Scout Association in the South and Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya and Pandit Hridayanath Kunzru assisted by Sri Shri Ram Bajpai established in 1917 the Seva Samiti Scout Association in the North. In the year 1925 the Indian Boy Scout Association was amalgamated with the Boy Scout Association in India while the Seva Samiti Scout Association continued to work as an independent and separate organisation. In 1938 due to a wave of intense nationalism a considerable number of members of the Boy Scouts Association left it. They along with the Seva Samiti Scout Association, formed the Hindustan Scout Association open to boys and girls alike. However, the Boy Scouts Association continued to function.

After the attainment of Swaraj in 1947 when all the differences previously between the different Associations disappeared, the Boy Scout Association (India) and Hindustan Scout Association merged themselves on 7th November 1950 under the name of the Bharat Scouts and Guides. The Girl Guides Association in India which was all along functioning as a

separate organisation for girls also joined the Bharat Scouts and Guides on 15th August 1951.

The Bharat Scouts and Guides is therefore the only Scout Association in India functioning both for boys and girls. The Scout section of the Bharat Scouts and Guides is affiliated with the Scout International Bureau and the Guides section is affiliated with the World Association of Guides and Girl Scouts.

### Rural Service Camps

The Youth Camps for Scouts and Guides organised by the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State, in Malabar District and Chingleput District proved a high adventure to our lads.



Renovation of a Tank at Senji from 14-5-1954 to 3-6-1954

Planning Commission of the Government of India had rightly visualised the scheme of manual work and social work, service by the boys and girls in the five year plan. Taking advantage of the suggestion a camp for 200 Scouts and non-Scouts was organised under the Community Project Scheme in Palghat from 13th October to 27th October '53.

Another Camp was held in Vadavannur from 23-12-53 to 5-1-54, in South Malabar under the Community Project for 321 Scouts and non-Scouts. These really laid the foundation for the future camps. Similarly, two camps were organised in Chingleput District, one at Tirukalikundram by 300 Scouts where boys

made a road a distance of 3 miles in co-operation with the Block Development Officers, a road leading to Thirukalikundram Sadras highway to the joy of the villagers from 4th May to 24th May 1954. Summer in this part of the country is relentless and the boys were unused to manual labour as such yet with the zeal and will to work typical of Scouts as their only protection and shade against the scorching sun's oppressive heat, the enthusiastic young band of scout workers were able to complete the task assigned to them, 3 miles of earth road within three weeks time. The newly constructed road goes through paddy fields, Vegetable garden, rock-imbedded lands and among hillocks, fifteen feet wide, with 2 feet by 1 foot, drainage on either side. This is an achievement of which our Association can take a legitimate pride.

The closing function was attended by Sri M. A. Manickavelu Naicker, Minister for Revenue. Speaking on the occasion( he said " the reward for your work does not lie in the amount of money spent by the Government for the camp nor the certificate issued to you after the closing of the camp But it does in the spontaneous joy that you derive when you visit this scene of your boy-hood toil on a latter day and see your fellow citizens, using this road. You derive satisfaction and inspiration, when you think " this is the road, that I have constructed with my own hands and at the sweat of my brow". He also said that " the spirit with which you had done the work will create a deep impression in the minds of the villagers that the manual labour is not alien to the educated towns-men. Another Camp was held by another set of 300 Scouts and Guides at Senji Village, 3 miles from Kadambathur in Trivellore Taluk in the matter of renovating a neglected irrigation tank in the village. On May 14th 1954. Mr. M. Bhaktavatsalam, Minister for Community Project and National Extension Service inaugurated this camp. He said, the efforts of the Scouts will serve as an inspiration to the Villagers in the matter of self-help.

At the conclusion of the work, Mr. C. Subramaniam, Minister for Finance and Education, an eye-witness to this fine endeavour said that this service by our Scouts was not a small one, it was a very big one, they were building a new India. We were inclined to state judging from the experience gained that the Association of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State has in a humble measure given a helping hand to build a new country under the Five Year Plan. This opportunity has enabled us to impart good training in community service to our boys and girls.

To come into touch with the village people and identify themselves with them and their life.

To learn the needs and requirements of the villagers and how to co-operate with the villagers in providing them.

And to erase the distinction that exist between the villager and the town-bred, educated, uneducated etc

Education Minister distributes Milk



Guides distribute Medicine

Our boys learnt to appreciate the dignity of labour and the joy that comes out of self effort. In our opinion, this is practical education and real training in true citizenship. This has given us encouragement to plan for more rural service camps in the coming year. We are thankful to the Government of Madras for giving us this opportunity.



## Divisional Centres

### The Coimbatore Centre

Sri J. I. Muthiah as the State Organising Commissioner having Coimbatore as Headquarters has been able to render effective service, specially in the matter of Rural work.

**Scout Carnival:** Among the special activities taken up in the centre, the Scout and Guide Carnival is worthy of mention.



A Scene in the Kathakali by Scouts and Guides of Kollengode

With a view to give a special impetus to our movement and with a view to bring the public and parents into closer cooperation with those who are in charge of the movement, a very successful



Folk Dance by Guides

Scout and Guide Carnival was run. The Carnival was inaugurated by Hon'ble Sri C. Subramaniam, Minister for Finance, and Education, Courts and Prisons, on 4th February 1955. Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, State Chief Commissioner unfurled the



Scout Flag, Sri V. C. Subbiah Gounder, Assistant State Commissioner welcomed the Hon'ble Minister. Sri T. R. Sundaram Pillai, District Commissioner, Scouts, Secretary of the Carnival Committee, gave a report of the work. The Minister expressed his sense of great satisfaction at the efforts taken to hold the Carnival and said "The Scout Movement, according to him, is one that deserved encouragement and he appealed to the parents to see that their boys and girls join the same in large numbers. He added that he himself was a Scout in the early days and stated that once a Scout is always a Scout." Mrs. Susan P. Williams, Vice-President of the Committee proposed the vote of thanks.

On the 2nd day, (5-2-55) Sri Madhava Raja, Raja of Kollengode, presided and was welcomed by Mrs. I. Roy Chatterjee,



A day's hard labour well done, is followed by recreational programmes

District Commissioner (Guides) when Mr. V. S. Ratnasabhapathy, State Secretary addressed the Carnival. Rao Bahadur Sri A. T. Krishnaswami Mudaliar, President of the District Association thanked the Raja Sahib and the speaker.

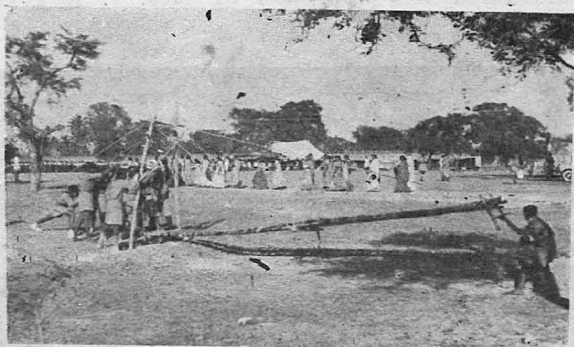
Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu presided on the closing day (6-2-55). Sri J. I. Muthiah addressed the Carnival. Mrs. Grace W. Arulanandham thanked the President and the Speaker. Miss Grace Joseph, Secretary of the Y.W.C.A., and Mr. B. R. Bhote were in charge of the games items. A Kathakali performance by the Pupils of the Raja's High School, Kollengode, given at the Carnival was very much appreciated. Mrs. Nambiar presented the Trophy to the Kathakali Troupe.

## Mathurai Centre

The Mathurai Centre with the State Organising Commissioner Sri M. Rajagopalan has been catering to the needs of the Districts coming under Mathurai Centre.

Of this Centre the State Organising Commissioner reports that one must be very proud indeed that Mathurai District leads the rest of the Districts in the State in the matter of Scouting. This is largely due to the place being chosen as the Centre for the southern Division. Besides that the District has a set of very good Officers who render continuous service to the District. The Mathurai Municipality is the only Municipality in

### Pioneering



the State excepting the Madras City Corporation which is contributing a sum of Rs. 3000/- for the purpose of organising Scouting in the City, by making it possible to appoint a City Scout Organiser. It has a well equipped Headquarters. There is also a special Department looking after the Kallar Scouts and Guides with proper Organisers under the Special Deputy Collector for Kallar Reclamation.

Miss S. P. Durairaj, Joint State Organising Commissioner Guides has been attending to the development of Guiding in the State.

She has had the help and advice of Mrs. C. Mohini, Joint National Organising Commissioner (Guides) during her two visits to the State in the year.

## Madras Centre

Sri M. Ram Mohan, Assistant State Organising Commissioner at Headquarters had special work assigned to him in the Central Division and devoted most of his time in organising Units and

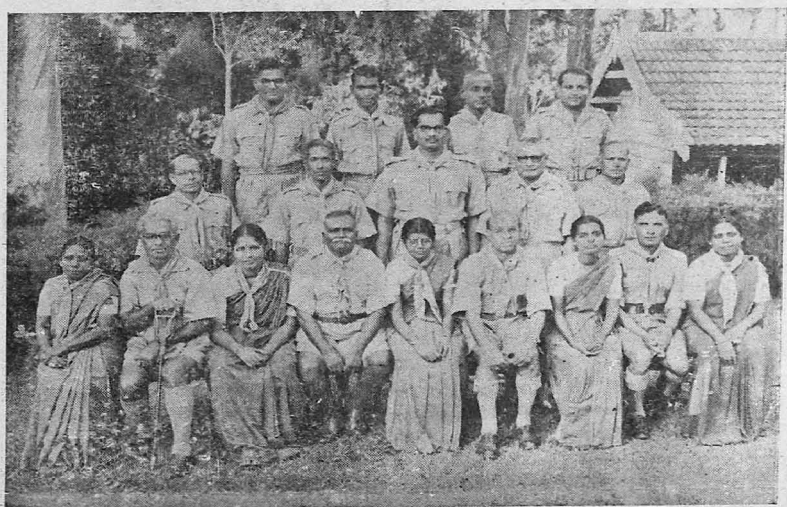
Taluk Melas in Chingleput District. The Central division has been active in the City and in Chingleput in the matter of Rural Camps.

## Training

Training of officers to equip them to man the Organisation was more in evidence this year than in the previous year. This took the form of not merely running the Preliminary Course for Cub, Scout, Rover, Flock, Guide and Ranger, in which 602 Scouters and 174 Guiders were trained, but also special Training Course, such as Commissioners' Training Course, Himalaya Wood Budge Courses and Advanced Training Course.

## Commissioners Training Course

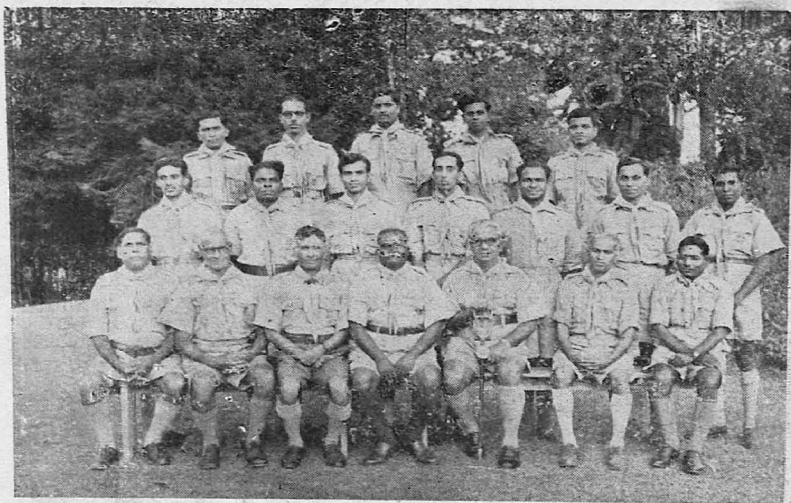
A Training Course for Commissioners was conducted at the Stanley Park Training Centre, Coonoor from 22nd to 27th May 1954. 15 Candidates some of whom were also warranted Commissioners attended the Course representing the districts of South



At Stanley Park, Coonoor—22nd to 28th May 1954  
 Kanara, North Malabar, Coimbatore, Nilgiris, Tiruchirapalli, Ramnad and Madras. Four Commissioners represented the Guide section. Messrs. V. S. Ratnasabhpathy, J. I. Muthiah M. Rajagopalan, V. P. Ramaswamy and Miss S. P. Durairaj were in charge of the Training.

### **The Himalaya Wood Badge Course (Scouts)**

A Himalaya Wood Badge (Scout) was organised and conducted at the Stanley Park, Coonoor from 10th to 21st May 1954. 16



At Stanley Park, Coonoor—10th to 21st May 1954

candidates attended the Course. Messrs. J. I. Muthiah, M. Rajagopalan, and V. S. Ratnasabhpathy, Deputy Camp Chiefs conducted the Course.

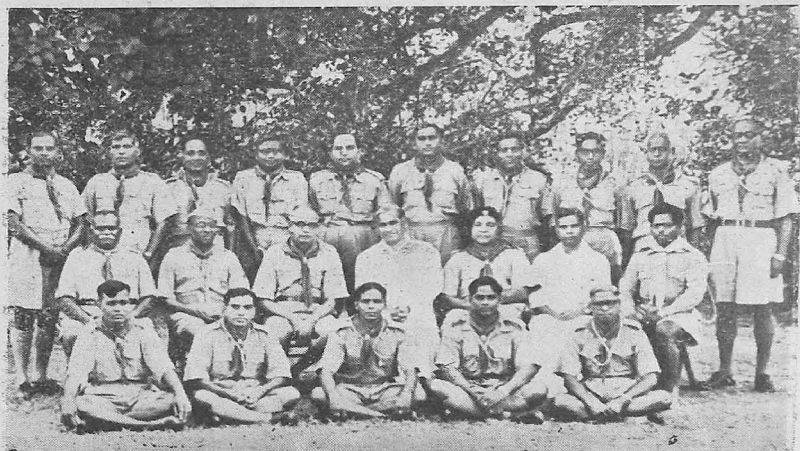
### **Advanced Training Course**

An Advanced Training Course for Guiders (Flock Leaders) was run at the Besant Scout Camping Centre, Adyar for five days from 21st September 1954, by Mrs. C. Mohini, Joint National Organising Commissioner Guides assisted by Miss S. P. Durairaj, Joint State Organising Commissioner Guides. 21 candidates attended the Camp.

### **Block Development Officers take Scout Training**

A Commissioners' Training Course was run for the Block Development Officers to associate their work with Scouting in the villages. The course was organised by the Government in collaboration with our Organisation to enable the Block Development Officers to work in villages selected for the National Extension

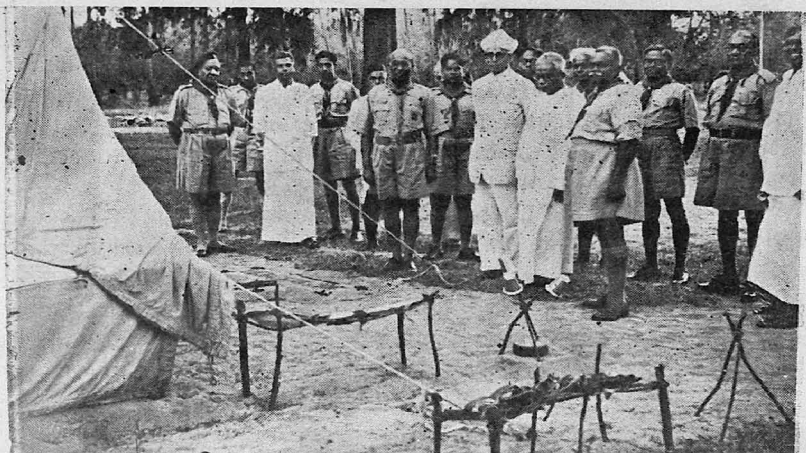
sion Service work. 13 Officers attended the Camp and they were as suggested by the Government appointed as Assistant District Commissioners in their respective Blocks. Mr. M. Bhaktavatsalam, Minister for Agriculture and Community Service visited the Camp and in his address said that it was indeed a very pleasant experience for the Block Development officers to have this course of training as Scout Commissioners. Whatever public work they had to undertake it was *Scout spirit* they had to imbibe in order to do the task in the proper way and suggested that the Social Education organisers also should be given such training, and expressed his appreciation of the manner in which



Development Officers of the National Extension Service

the Bharat Scouts and Guides had come forward to give this training to the Government officers entrusted with the duty of reforming the villages and hoped that this camp would be the fore-runner of several such camps. The State Secretary thanked the Minister for giving the lead in this direction. The Camp was inaugurated by Sri K Venkataswami Naidu, State Chief Commissioner and conducted by Sri J. I. Muthiah, Deputy Camp Chief.



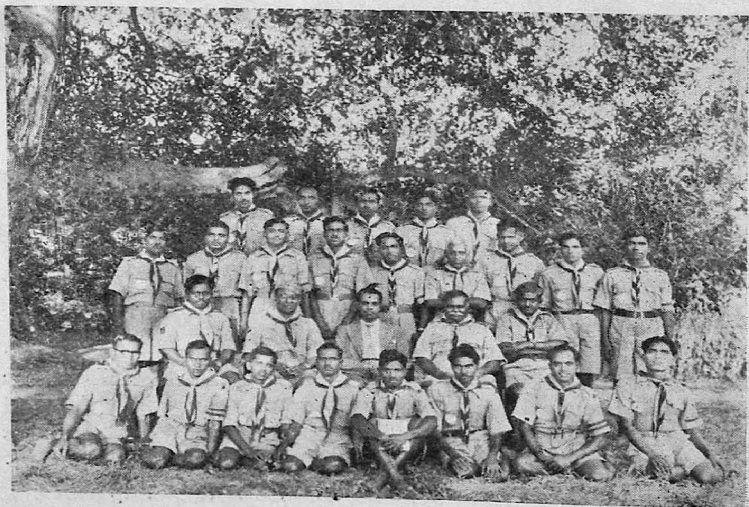


Minister for Agriculture, Mr. M. Baktavatsalam inspects the Camp of the Block Development Officers at the Besant Scout Camping Centre, Adyar— Kattabomman Patrol on 1-11-1954

### **Himalaya Wood Badge Course (Cubs) (Tamil)**

This Course was held from 22nd November 1954 to 28th November 1955 at the Besant Scout Camping Centre, Adyar. 22

Himalaya Wood Badge Course (Cub) 22-11-54 to 28-11-54



At Besant Scout Camping Centre, Adyar

candidates attended the Course, The special feature of the Camp being, the camp was conducted in Tamil, to enable the spread of Scouting in villages. Messrs. J. I. Muthiah, M. Ram Mohan and K. Madhavan were in charge of the course.

### **Pachmarhi Conference for D. C. Cs. & A. D. C. Cs.**

One of the most outstanding events during the year was the Deputy Camp Chiefs and the Assistant Deputy Camp Chiefs Conference at Pachmarhi (a hill Station) in Madhya Pradesh, where a Central Training Centre for the country will be located on the model of Gilwell Park in England. This Conference was attended by D. C. Cs. V. S. Ratnasabhapathy, J. I. Muthiah and M. Rajagopalan A. D. C. Cs. Miss S. P. Duroairaj. V. P. Ramaswamy, A. Swayambu, K. Balakrishnan and J. D. Asirvatham from our State. Dr. Hridayanath Kunzru presided over the Conference and was assisted by Mr. V. Vivian Bose, Chief Commissioner Scouts. The policy of the Training (scheme) was considered in detail. In doing so the Gillwell scheme came in for great deal of scrutiny and discussion. It was agreed that while we take into account the various schemes that are available and are in vogue in other countries, the Policy of our Training should be one that is suitable to India and not a mere copy of any Scheme that may exist anywhere else. It may be said therefore and truly so that a reorientation was given to our scheme of Training. It will not be out of place to mention that in this very important matter, Madras delegates made a valuable contribution. The Conference sessions were held at different beauty spots in the Pachmarhi Hills, right in the open under the canopy of Heaven. A spirit of comradeship that characterised the groups of Delegations was noteworthy, while it encouraged a unanimous decision in all matters, it did not stand in the way of frank expression being given to one's views even though opposed to each other.

### **Youth Welfare Seminars**

The Headquarters had conducted two Seminars, one on Youth Welfare and other on Recreation and both were attended by Scouters and Guiders as well as Youth Leaders.

### **Children's Play Ground**

The Raja of Ramnád, Minister, Public Works, declared open playground and inaugurated a Seminar on "Community Recrea-



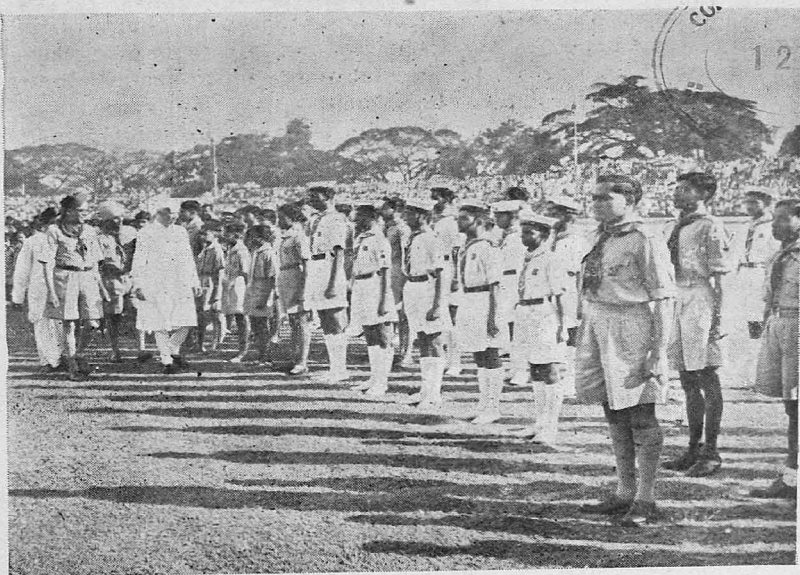
tion and Camping" at the State Headquarters on 16-11-1954. It was out of the grant given by the Central Social Welfare Board that we were able to establish a children's play ground with the necessary minimum equipment to enable a large number of children to take advantage of it. Besides the boys and girls of the age of 7 to 11 enrolled as Cubs and bulbulis, there were younger ones who also came and watched their activities. To provide for the young children who were not yet ready to become cubs, this Children's playground was decided upon. The Works Minister said the games formed a major part of the scouting activities and observed that at the present juncture in this country when they were striving to stand on their own legs, Scouting would go a great way in enabling them to achieve their cherished goal. Referring to the value of play and recreation, it was on the play ground that they learnt the principles of democracy. Participation in games improved the physique of their young men, and realise that relaxation was an art. Dr. H. D. Edgren, Full-bright Professor, Chicago who conducted the Seminar on Community, recreation and camping gave three lectures on 'the role and value' of recreation. He summed up his talks saying that the future of their recreation programme depend on them as leaders, their hopes and their vision. If they were going to teach, what democracy was, he knew of no better way than allowing boys and girls to experience it. Scouting and Guiding was as much a part of education as the Schools and Colleges. In the Scout and Guide programme he said, there was laughter, humour and joy. The Seminar proved a great help to the workers which consisted of not only Scouters and Guiders, but others who are interested and are actively engaged in Youth Welfare.

*All India Scout and Guide Week:* The week was observed by all the Groups in the State with great enthusiasm. The Week was inaugurated at the State Headquarters on 1-10-54 by Sri N. D. Sundaravadivelu, Director of Public Instruction and State Cammissioner (Scouts). The Rajah of Kollengode presided. The programme of the week consisted of the Founders Day; the Heroes Day; Happyfication Day; Adult Education Day; and Community Service Day. The programme was varied to suit the local conditions in the respective Disticts.

### **Madras Youth Rally : To welcome our Prime Minister**

A Youth Rally consisted of representatives of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, The National Cadet Corps, Students of Boys Schools, Girls Schools and Corporation Schools was held on January 17, 1955 in honour of our Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. Over 35,000 children cheered him at this Rally at the Corporation Stadium. The programme included

Pandit Nehru

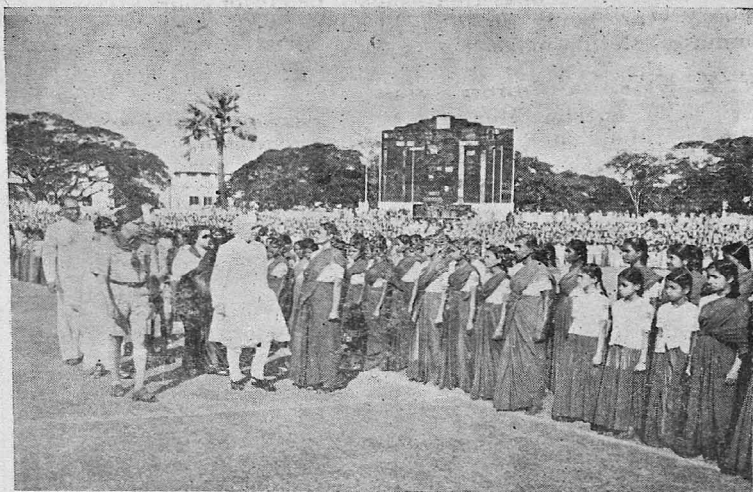


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interesting demonstration of activities by the Scouts and Guides, three wings of the National Cadet Corps and other students. A Scout Drummer seated on a Dwarf Bull led the Pageant. He was followed by Scouts on Dummy Horses known as Poikal Kudirai or Tanjore Horses along with the procession of the devotees carrying their religious Guru with 'Nathaswaram' being played by Scouts and the Scoutmasters of the Tanjore District. The Scouts and Guides also staged a Lezim Drill and Zulu Dance etc. The Prime Minister was happy to be

amidst them and went round reviewing the various groups lined up and inspired them by his presence and words of encourage-

Prime Minister, Nehru



With our Guides at the Youth Rally

ment. This rally will remain as one of the memorable events in the work and activities of the year under report.

### **Mrs. H. C. Captain's visit**

Mrs. H. C. Captain, the Chief Commissioner (Guides) paid a visit to our State, arriving Madras on 29th October by the Ship "The State of Madras" and leaving on 2nd November 1954. During her stay she has shown such keen interest in Guiding that she found time, to visit Companies, a Commissioners' Training Camp, attend a Rally of Guides and take Tea with Guide Officers and members of the State Executive Committee, lunch with State Commissioner, Guides, showing thereby her great enthusiasm for Scouting and Guiding. She was able to suggest a correct procedure to be followed in the matter of Guide and Scout cooperation as well as administrative matters.

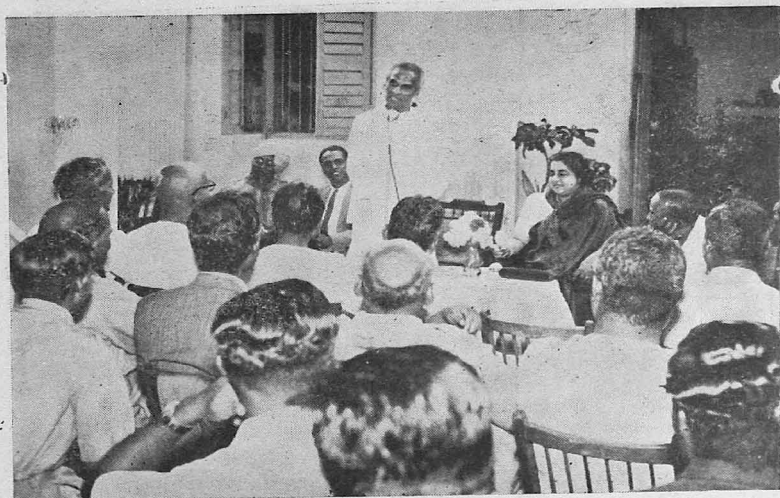
Speaking about her attending the State Executive Committee Council, she writes: "It was a pleasure to meet them and to have the opportunity of pointing out to them how they can best help the Guide section. I am sure close study of

A.P.R.O. will assist both sections in keeping to the rules of the same and once the Guides realise that there are many safeguards for them in this little book and the vital fact that the State Chief Commissioner and the State Secretary is as much THEIRS as of the Scouts there should be closer cooperation and harmony. And being in one building with such delightful surroundings should make it very easy."

### **Sri V. K. Krishna Menon's visit**

Sri V. K. Krishna Menon, a close associate and co-worker of our Prime Minister and former Scout Commissioner of Madras,

V. K. Krishna Menon



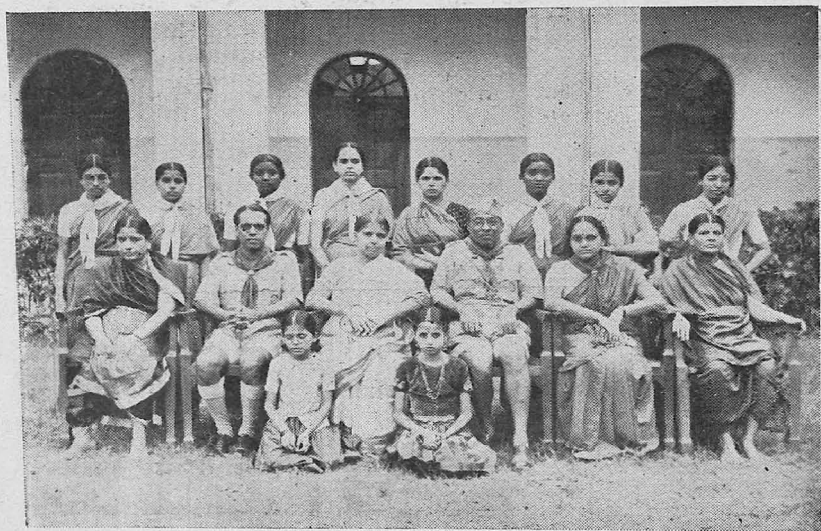
At Wenlock Park

addressed our Scouts and Workers on January 22, 1955 and emphasised on Team spirit and Tolerance and added "what would conduce to the growth of the movement is the character and work of those engaged in it."

### **"East and West Day"—Madras City**

We are happy to record the enthusiastic efforts made by the Guides at Madras to hold the "East and West Day". About this Mrs. D. L. Gopal Ratnam, Headquarters Commissioner (Guides) reports: "It was not just a show; it was a Carnival

indeed! There was a Merry-go-round for children, organised by the Guild of Service under Mrs. Alwar Chetty; Pony rides on three Ponies graciously lent by the Turf Club of Madras; a Persian Home with Persian beauties decked in the lovely dream garbs of Persia, offering to guests tea in their ceremonious, pompous dishes, under Mrs. Khaleeli, a Bengali Home decorated with the quint essence of art and religion under the guidance of Mrs. Walawakar and friends; an Indian cradle ceremony by Mrs. Sundaravadivelu while the peculiar perfumes of the festive South Indian home was pervading the room; the typical outlay of the Canadian spirit of service in the carpet of love and characteristic Canadian Community programmes under Miss Pearson; the highly educative American store model teaching



Kamala Nehru—Rangers

our children the way of business as done in the U.S.A., under the inspiration of Mrs. Sherbert; the Punjab Home with its simplicity and manipulative mechanisms with its hearth of warmth under Mrs. Puri; the Kashmiri Home with its gorgeous carpets and intricate wooden carvings under Mrs. Wanchoo; the most auspicious South Indian bride bedecked in all her glory, near her kitchen-to-be, full of utensils, which a bride alone can use under the guidance of Mrs. Srinivas Rao and Mrs. Shiva Rao; and the programme of entertainment provided by Guides, Scouts, Bulbuls and amateur artistes under the supervision of

Mrs. H. Parvathy Krishnamoorthy; the Refreshment stall under Mrs. Kapadia and Mrs. Gínwala; and the side shows was managed by members of the Y.M.C.A. under the inspiration and leadership of Mrs. Ruth Morris all the kindly ladies of Madras contributed their best."

His Excellency Shri Sri Prakasa declared open the Show, laying great stress on the value of the Guide and Scout Movement in the education of the young.

### **Co-operation with kindred Organisations**

Friendly contacts are maintained for joint work with the following Organisations and Institutions which have similar aims in view. The Guild of Service, The Seva Samajam Boys Home; The South Indian Adult Education Association, Red Cross Society, Y. M. C. A., College of Physical Education, Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., S. P. C. A., Children's Aid Society, Youth Hostels Association of India etc., etc.

### **Our Bulletin**

The Bharat Scouts and Guides Bulletin, Madras State has been regularly issued during the year under report and was popular and useful. The Bulletin is looked forward to for information, instruction, and guidance by the various groups and the Districts. It is our object to make every group get a copy and we have succeeded to some extent in that matter. We have also District Bulletins "Saranar", edited in Tamil by the Mathurai Association, and a Tamil Bulletin by the Salem Association, a Kanarese Bulletin by the South Kanara District Association and Thayyar, an English monthly by the South Madras District. There are also group Bulletins which are a special feature of Scouting and Guiding in our State. They are serving a very useful need.

### **The National Council**

Meetings of the National Council were held on 24th April 1955 at New Delhi under the Presidency of Dr. Hridaynath Kunzru, National Commissioner. The Madras State was represented by Mr. V. S. Ratnasabhapathy State Secretary, Miss G. R. Samel; Headquarters Commissioner (Guides) and Mr. T. R. Kothandaram Mudaliar; Assistant State Commissioner. The National Council decided to send a contingent of Scouts from India to the International Jamboree in Canada and agreed to depute Miss G. R. Samuel to Australia for helping in the Training Work there, from May to October 1956, and to send Miss L. Vedanayakam, District Commissioner (Guides) Madras and Mrs. C. Mohini, Joint National Organising Commissioner (Guides) to the Training Conference at 'OUR CHALET' the Council considered



the proposals made by the Pachmarhi Conference regarding the Organisation of Training in the country, also the revision of A. P. R. O. suggested by the A. P. R. O. Revision Committee. A sub-Committee with the National Commissioner has been formed

#### The National Executive



Met at New Delhi on 19-9-1954

to approve of this and give effect to the proposals. The meetings brought together representatives of various States enabling them to exchange views on matters of Scouting and Guiding in the country.

#### Our Strength

As in previous years we have maintained the same strength and to-day we have 40750 Scouts and 9415 Guides. There is a slight increase in the Guide section and there is greater interest now among the girls for Guiding than before. Emphasis is laid on quality than on quantity. This year we have more First Class and 'Bharat' Scouts as efforts were made to increase the efficiency in various Proficiency Badges. Special efforts are still needed in this direction. We have the assurance of the National Headquarters that badges will be made available now.

#### Finance

The question of finance has always been a difficult matter. Being a voluntary movement, it has to depend upon voluntary



help from the Public. The Government has given us a grant of Rs. 20,000/- for the year under report. This is inadequate. There are States that get a grant of a Lakh and more and our Government should find its way to increase the grant to Rs. 50,000/- atleast, even though we should not entirely depend on the Government for support. A popular movement should more depend upon its own resources than Government. We are thankful to the Government and the Finance Minister who is also our Education Minister for his hearty cooperation. We thank all our supporters both official and non-official for their generous help. We hope greater support will be forthcoming as our movement becomes more and more useful.

### **Service—Our Way**

Our movement is pre-eminently a character training movement. This is achieved by service for others. The Scout begins by doing a good turn to some body every day, increases his efficiency and capacity for service. This is done by Patrols or by Groups & in the case of bigger forms of service like Rural Service by several Groups. There has been a constant demand for service by Scouts and Guides from various sources, official and non-official bodies. For anything, such as functions, Conferences, Carnivals and gatherings they always look to our Organisation for the supply of Volunteer service to regulate the crowd, keep order at meetings, run errands or carry messages, provide a Posse of Welcome to the distinguished leaders or to receive them at Railway Stations or at Aerodromes and also service at the respective lodging places.

Besides these we had also requests from the Railway authorities in connection with the Centenary Railway Exhibitions which moved from one centre to another centre throughout the State, as well as fairs and festivals at Pilgrim Centres where huge gatherings are expected either by the temple authorities or by the Mela authorities, may be in connection with villages or Town or in big centres, both religious and otherwise. Our Scouts and Guides have always responded to the call and they were ever prepared to render such service, they can, any time they are called on to do so. This aspect of our work has been on the increase and sometimes we get requests from people for their own family functions, though we do not undertake service connected with family functions. In other words our Movement is known as one of the most forward service organisations in the country and quite rightly the youths should be trained to serve efficiently and put others before self, both in relation to communities and the country.

## Stanley Park Camping and Training Centre

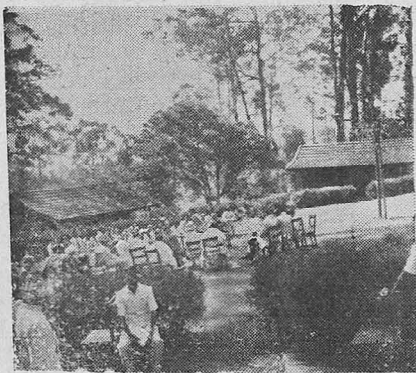
We are glad to report that during the year the management of the Stanley Park was taken over by the State Association from the District Association of Nilgiris. This State Camping Centre has been now provided with a watchman. He stays in the Camping site and looks after the place and its improvement. Sri V P Ramaswamy, our energetic District Secretary is now appointed as the Warden of the Camping Centre and our Association maintains the centre. This centre has been very popular during the year; not only the Scouts but non-Scouts and public have had the benefit of Camping in the Centre. Certain proposals for the improvements in the Camp site are being considered. The Electricity has been brought to the Camp by the kindness of the Director of Public Instruction and our State Commissioner Scouts Sri N. D. Sundaravadivelu, by holding a Seminar for Educationists. Mr. Humayun Kabir, the Education Secretary of the Central Government, Delhi turned the lights on at the Seminar. More amenities are to follow.

### Conclusion

The First Five Year Plan of the Government of India submitted by the Planning Commission has under "Youth Welfare" emphasised the importance of giving opportunities to the youths for self-expression, comradeship, Community Life and



Some of the Campers and Mr. Humayun Kabir at Stanley Park Training Centre, Coonoor



Educational Seminar at the Stanley Park Training Centre

National Service. To achieve the above, it has been suggested that special measures are needed to strengthen the Scout Movement. The Bharat Scouts and Guides Organisation which has a

strength of 6 Lakhs in the country has to play a vital role in serving the younger generation and in organising them for the active service of the country, not only has the movement to be extended to villages but the quality of its service has to be developed. For this purpose the National as well as the State Headquarters have to be strengthened and adequately equipped for creating and training a larger number of Scouters and promote efficient guidance and supervision to its units. The Scout movement should receive the support of the State, the local-self-governing bodies as well as the community. There should also be co-ordination of activities between the Scout movement and the other youth and children's Organisations. The youth and student organisations should be able to provide an increasing number of Scouters/Guiders who will be required to extend the work of the movement, in the near future."

It should be therefore our endeavour to strengthen the State Headquarters and train up a large number of efficient Scouters and Guiders so that there could be a continuous flow of workers to man our organisation. In this connection we hope to establish three well equipped Training centres in our three divisions, Madras, Mathurai and Coimbatore. Besides this we should have Camping centres one for each district fully equipped with a Warden to look after, to which will go throughout the year Groups after Groups of Scouts and Guides and get the benefit of camping. Atleast in the Second Plan period we should achieve the above object if not in the First Year of the Second Plan period itself. Efforts in this direction will be made in the coming year.

We are grateful to our Officers both at State Headquarters and in Districts and in local Association areas, the leaders of the movement. For our success in the movement we depend more on the Scouters and Guiders of all ranks and if to-day we are able to say that our movement is a vital force in the training of the youth in the State to have character and capacity for service, it is entirely due to them. They need facilities for efficient training and financial assistance. Given the required support from the Public and the Government, our movement can serve the youth of the nation in an ever increasing measure.

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BY ORDER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

State Headquarters }  
Wenlock Park,  
Triplicane, Madras-5 }

V. S. RATNASABHAPATHY,  
State Secretary

## Scout Section—Strength Chart 1954-55

District.	No. of Groups	D. Cs.	A.D.Cs.	Strength			Officers	Total
				Cubs	Scouts	Rovers		
Arcot North ...	24	1	6	381	308	—	41	737
Arcot South ...	39	1	10	261	1088	52	74	1486
Chingleput (N) ...	171	1	2	3462	538	—	391	4394
Chingleput (S) ...	303	1	4	5916	956	85	576	7538
Coimbatore ...	21	1	7	60	676	—	42	786
Kanara South ...	36	1	8	274	696	25	68	1072
Madras North ...	17	1	4	376	375	15	55	826
Madras South ...	18	1	—	377	299	52	58	787
Madras Central ...	17	1	3	219	535	62	52	872
Madras East ...	6	1	2	180	183	72	37	475
Madras West ...	7	1	1	154	205	—	19	380
Madras Corpn. ...	132	1	—	2544	1080	—	239	3864
Southern Rly. ...	28	1	1	477	196	113	71	829
Mathurai ...	273	1	14	4111	973	140	459	5698
Malabar North ...	41	1	3	446	508	—	66	1024
Malabar South ...	26	1	8	—	745	28	54	836
Nilgiris ...	15	1	6	208	381	17	43	656
Ramanathapuram ...	38	1	7	385	868	136	94	1491
Salem ...	35	1	11	434	508	20	64	1038
Tanjore East ...	46	1	6	679	544	36	123	1389
Tanjore West ...	80	1	8	1422	553	120	197	2301
Tiruchirapalli ...	31	1	5	357	869	—	74	1306
Tirunelveli ...	24	1	5	100	639	81	57	883
Sea Scouts ...	3	—	—	12	52	10	8	82
<b>Total ...</b>	<b>1431</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>22805</b>	<b>13775</b>	<b>1064</b>	<b>2962</b>	<b>40750</b>

## Guide Section—Strength Chart—1954—55

District.	No. of Groups	D.Cs.	A.D.Cs	Strength			Group Officers	Total
				Bulbuls	Guides	Rangers		
Arcot North ...	7	1	2	72	168	—	7	250
Arcot South ...	4	1	—	24	104	—	8	137
Chingleput (N) ...	4	—	—	48	—	—	3	51
Chingleput (S) ...	16	1	—	288	200	—	33	522
Coimbatore ...	12	1	1	134	204	32	33	405
Kanara South ...	14	1	6	199	145	—	22	373
Madras North ...	1	1	3	24	—	—	1	29
Madras South ...	7	1	—	103	97	7	23	231
Madras Central ...	8	1	2	141	168	—	23	335
Madras East ...	4	1	1	102	109	—	16	229
Madras West ...	18	1	—	412	183	35	37	668
Madras Corpn. ...	43	1	—	1032	120	—	19	1172
Southern Rly. ...	10	—	—	198	12	—	19	229
Mathurai ...	71	1	—	1331	264	—	126	1722
Malabar North ...	8	1	—	48	186	—	17	252
Malabar South ...	2	1	1	—	56	—	2	60
Nilgiris ...	8	1	1	155	107	—	22	286
Ramanathapuram ...	1	—	—	—	22	—	1	23
Salem ...	16	1	1	357	24	—	27	410
Tanjore East ...	17	—	—	285	79	—	29	393
Tanjore West ...	19	1	2	286	42	—	30	361
Tiruchirppalli ...	10	1	2	95	191	—	25	314
Tirunelveli ...	23	1	4	400	279	209	70	963
<b>Total ...</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>5734</b>	<b>2760</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>9415</b>

# APPENDIX A

## TRAINING CAMP (SCOUT AND GUIDE SECTIONS) 1954-55

S. No.	Nature of the course	Date of the Course		Place and District	Officer in-charge	No of Campers attended
		From	To			
1.	Scoutmasters	24-4-54	7-5-54	Tirumangalam, Mathurai	Sri M. Rajagopalan	22
2.	Scoutmasters	2-5-54	13-5-54	Cuddalore N T. S. Arcot	" K. Varadarajan	27
3.	Himalaya Wood Badge (Scout)	10-5-54	21-5-54	Coonoor, Nilgiris	" J. I. Muthiah	16
4.	Guide Captain	15-5-54	25-5-54	Tirukoilur, S. Arcot	Miss S. P. Durairaj	15
5.	Flock Leaders	18-5-54	24-5-54	Salem	" M. Lily Josephine	33
6.	Commissioners	22-5-54	28-5-54	Coonoor, Nilgiris	Sri J. I. Muthiah & Miss S. P. Durairaj	15
7.	Flock Leaders	26-5-54	31-5-54	Tirukoilur, S. Arcot	Miss S. P. Durairaj	17
8.	Flock Leaders (Non-continuous)	9-1-54	8-8-54	Madras	" S. P. Durairaj	31
9.	Guide Captain (Non-continuous)	10-1-54	15-8-54	Madras	" S. P. Durairaj	13
10.	Flock Leaders	13-9-54	18-9-54	Kollengode, S. Malabar	" S. P. Durairaj	35
11.	Cubmasters	25-9-54	1-10-54	Ammachatram, Tanjore	Sri K. S. Sundaresan	40
12.	Cubmasters	30-9-54	6-10-54	Ammachatram, Tanjore	" K. S. Sundaresan	36
13.	Cubmasters (Non-Continuous)	30-9-54	17-10-54	Yuvapuri, Madurai	" J. D. Asirvatham	39
14.	Cubmasters	10-10-54	16-10-54	Mazhavarayanur, S. Arcot	" M. Rajagopalan	28

15.	Commissioners (B D Os)	28-10-54	2-11-54	Madras	Sri J. I. Muthiah	15
16.	Scoutmasters (Non-continuous)	30-10-54	28-11-54	Madras	" Md. Noorudeen	40
17.	Cubmasters (Non-continuous)	13-11-54	5-12-54	Mathurai	" J. D. Asirvatham	34
18.	Scoutmasters (Non-continuous)	21-11-54	13-2-55	Madras	" John J. Jayaraj	16
19.	Himalaya Wood Badge (Cub) Tamil	22-11-54	28-11-54	Madras	" J. I. Muthiah	22
20.	Scoutmasters	28-11-54	9-12-54	Madras	" J. I. Muthiah	29
21.	Cubmasters	17-12-54	23-12-54	Tirur, Chingleput	" M. Ram Mohan	40
22.	Cubmasters	26-12-54	1-1-55	Kabistalam, Tanjore	" K. S. Sundaresan	25
23.	Scoutmaster	31-12-54	11-1-55	Saidapet, Madras	" Md. Noorudeen	29
24.	Cubmaster (Non-continuous)	18-2-55	6-3-55	Pallavaram, Madras	" Md. Noorudeen	40
25.	Cubmasters	18-3-55	24-3-55	Coonoor, Nilgiris	" J. I. Muthiah	41
26.	Cubmasters	24-3-55	30-3-55	Coonoor, Nilgiris	" J. I. Muthiah	40
27.	Flock Leaders	27-3-55	31-3-55	Gudiyatham, N. Arcot	Miss S. P. Durairaj	26



# THE BHARAT SCOUTS & GUIDES, MADRAS STATE

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st March 1955

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
	R.	A. P.		Rs.	A. P.
To Opening Balance on 1-4-1954:			By General Administration Expenses:		
With Indian Bank Ltd.,			Establishment Charges	22,368	10 9
Triplicane on current A/c. ...	1,294	15 3	Printing & Stationery	2,304	7 6
Cash on Hand	156	2 0	Postage & Telegrams	908	1 3
			Conveyance	372	2 9
		1,451 1 3	Travelling allowance	2,454	14 0
To Grants:			Telephone & Electricity	607	1 0
From Government	20,000	0 0	Contingencies	580	1 3
From Local Bodies	1,200	0 0	Bank Charges	31	10 0
		21,200 0 0	By Other Revenue Expenditure:		
To Fee Income;			Rates & Taxes	80	5 7
Registration of Groups & Associations	4,838	15 0	Books & Periodicals	380	14 6
Training Certificate	2,347	5 0	Purchase of Equipment	1,639	3 6
Training Camps	1,367	2 0	Himalaya Wood Badge Course	320	0 0
		8,553 9 0	Affiliation Fee: National H.Q.	806	11 0
To Other Receipts:			Annual meeting & Rallies	130	8 6
Sale of books, Badges etc.	2,587	12 3	Repairs to buildings	44	5 0
Donations	450	0 0	Entertainment & Miscellaneous	280	13 3
Subscriptions: Membership	130	0 0	Audit fee	100	0 0
Bulletin	487	5 0	Camp expenses	1,124	58 9
Capitation Fee	114	12 0	By Balance Sheet Items:		
Entrance fee: Seminar	97	0 0	Advances to Guide Section	712	9 9
Himalaya Wood Badge Course	320	0 0	Andhra State Contribution	250	0 0
Interest on Fixed Deposit	181	14 0	Suspense Accounts payments	360	7 3
Miscellaneous	10	0 0	Contribution to Provident Fund: (By Staff)	726	11 0
		4,328 11 3	Contribution to Provident Fund: (By Association)	710	7 0
To Balance Sheet Items:			Loan against Provident Fund Deposit	500	0 0
Contribution: Social Welfare Board	500	0 0	Stores Tools & Equipment	1,040	10 0
Provident Fund-Staff Contribution	721	7 0	Provident Fund Refunded	26	9 0

Provident Fund: Loan to Staff recovered	...	400	0	0
Amount Withdrawn; P. F. Bank A/c	...	2,000	0	0
Egmore Benefit Society: Fixed Deposit matured	...	2,000	0	0
		<u>5 621</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>
Guide Section Advance Recovered	...	250	0	0
Equipment Supplied for Madras Government	...	577	12	0
		<u>6,449</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>

By Closing Balance on 31 3-1955  
 With Indian Bank Ltd., Triplicane  
 On Current Account  
 Cash on Hand

... 3,072 2 5  
 ... 38 9 6

Total ... 41,982 8 6

Total Rs. ... 41,982 8 6

Examined and found correct subject to our report of even date.

MADRAS,  
 15th July, 1955,

A. K. RAJAGOPALAN & Co.,

Chartered Accountants,

# THE BHARAT SCOUTS AND GUIDES, MADRAS STATE

Balance Sheet as on 31st March, 1955

LIABILITIES		Rs	A	P.	Rs	A	P.	ASSETS		Rs	A	P.	Rs	A	P.
General Funds:								Furniture & Fixtures:							
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	...	546	10	2				Balance as per last Balance Sheet	...	1,495	0	0			
Add Excess of Income over expenditure	...	245	9	2				Less Depreciation written off	...	90	0	0			
					792	3	4						1,405	0	0
Building Fund:								Typewriter:							
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	...	472	15	0				Balance as per last Balance Sheet	...	305	0	0			
Add Interest accrued	...	9	6	6				Less Depreciation written off	...	45	0	0			
					482	5	6						260	0	0
Staff Provident Fund:								Childrens' Equipment: At Cost		1,040	10	0			
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	...	4,698	7	1				Less Depreciation written off	...	138	10	0			
Add Own contribution plus staff contribution during the year	...	1,420	14	0									902	0	0
Add Interest accrued during the year	...	82	3	1				Sundry Debtors:							
					6,201	8	2	Madras Government for equipment supplied					200	4	0
Less Amount Refunded	...	36	9	0				Advances:							
					6,164	15	2	With D.C.T.O.—East & West Day		100	0	0			
								Staff on Provident Fund Loan		1,075	0	0			
								,, Others		1,789	8	3			
													2,964	8	3

Amounts Payable :			
To Guide Section	...	3,113	2 9
„ Andhra State towards allotment	...	899	7 4
„ Social Welfare Board Contribution	...	500	0 0
„ Relief Fund Collection	...	450	3 3
			<u>4,962 13 4</u>
Sundry Creditors :			
For Goods Supplied	...	606	4 0
„ Expenses—Salary for March, 1955	...	1,984	6 0
			<u>2,590 10 0</u>
Total Rs. ...		14,992	15 4

Stocks on Hand :			
Books, Badges & Equipment at cost as certified by the State Secretary	...	1,603	2 6
Fixed Deposit :			
With Egmore Benefit Society Guide Section	...	1,000	0 0
Provident Deposit :			
With Indian Bank Ltd. Triplicane Branch on Savings Bank Account	...	3,064	15 2
Building Fund Deposit :			
With Indian Bank Ltd. Triplicane Branch on Savings Bank Account	...	482	5 6
Bank & Cash Balances :			
With Indian Bank Ltd., Triplicane Branch on Current Account	...	3,072	2 5
Cash on hand	...	38	9 6
			<u>3,110 11 11</u>
Total Rs. ...		14,992	15 4

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Dated 15th July 1955 }

A. K. RAJAGOPALAN & Co.  
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# THE BHARAT SCOUTS AND GUIDES, MADRAS STATE

*Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 1955*

EXPENDITURE	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	INCOME	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
<b>To General Administration Expenses :</b>			<b>By Grants from Government :</b>	20,000 0 0	
Establishment	22,368 10 9		From Local Bodies	1,200 0 0	
Less paid for 53/54	2,077 0 0		Add Accrued due	500 0 0	1,700 0 0
Add Due for 54/55	1,984 6 0				21,700 0 0
		22,276 0 9	<b>.. Fee Income :</b>		
Printing & Stationery	2,304 7 6		Registration of Groups		
Less Paid for 1953/54	100 0 0		and Associations	4,838 15 0	
		2,204 7 6	Add Accrued due	512 0 0	
Postage & Telegrams	...	908 1 3			5,350 15 0
Conveyance	...	372 2 9	Training Certificate	...	2,347 8 0
Travelling Allowance to Officers	...	2,454 14 0	Training Camp	...	1,367 2 0
Telephone & Electricity	...	607 1 0			9,065 9 0
Contingencies	...	580 1 3	<b>.. Other Receipts :</b>		
Bank Charges	...	31 10 0	Donations	...	450 0 0
<b>.. Other Revenue Expenses :</b>			Membership Subscription	...	130 0 0
Rates & Taxes	...	80 5 7	Bulletin	...	437 5 0
Books & Periodicals	...	377 7 6	Capitation Fee	114 12 0	
Himalaya Wood Badge Course	...	320 0 0	Add Accrued due	15 5 0	
Affiliation Fee—National Headquarters	...	805 11 0			130 1 0
Annual Meeting & Rallies	...	130 8 6	Entrance Fee—Seminar	...	97 0 0
Repairs to Buildings	...	44 5 0	Himalaya Wood Badge Course	...	320 0 0
Entertainment & Miscellaneous	...	280 13 3	Interest on Deposit	...	181 14 0
Audit Fee	...	100 0 0	Miscellaneous	...	10 0 0
Camp Expenses	1,124 8 9				1,756 4 0
Less Recoverable Madras Govt.	401 12 0				
		722 12 9			
Contribution to Staff Provident Fund	...	710 7 0			

Depreciation :				
• On Furniture & Fixtures ...	90	0	0	
On Typewriter ...	45	0	0	
On Children's Playground Equipment ...	138	10	0	
				273 10 0
.. Net Excess of Income over Expenditure ...				245 9 2

Total Rs. ... 33,527 0 0

### Trading Account : Books, Badges &

To Stock on 1-4 1954 ...	1,243	1	0
.. Purchases For Cash ...	1,639	3	6
.. .. on Credit ...	303	7	0
			1,942 10 6
.. Gross Profit transferred to Income & Expenditure Account ...	1,005	3	3
Total Rs ...	4,190	14	9

By Net Profit on sale of Books, Badges & Equipment transferred ...	1,005	3	3
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Total Rs. ... 33,527 0 3

### Equipment for the Year ended 31-3-1955

By Sale Proceeds ...	2,587	12	3
.. Stock on 31-3-1955 : At cost ...	1,603	2	6

Total Rs. ... 4,190 14 9

Examined and found correct subject to our report of even date

MADRAS  
15th July 1955

A. K. RAJAGOPALAN & Co.  
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## **MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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Sri C. Doraiswamiah \*

„ A. T. Devaraja Mudaliar

Dr. R. Mahalingam

Sri H. Ramanathan

Mrs. D. Venkatarangam

Sri K. Varadharajan

Miss. D Pearson

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## TEN REASONS

### WHY YOU SHOULD SUPPORT

#### THE BHARAT SCOUTS AND GUIDES

1. B.S.G. insists on and is worked under, Indian leadership just as the English Scout Organisation and the American Scout Organisation insist on English and American leadership.

2. The B.S.G. provides for the education of Indian children in practical citizenship on Indian lines, keeping fully in view the requirements of Indian boys and girls and preparing its programme of training and work to meet Indian conditions.

3. The B.S.G. makes full use of Indian stories, folklore, customs, traditions, songs and yells in order to inspire Indian boys and girls to be worthy citizens of the Motherland.

4. The B.S.G. interprets Scouting and Guiding to boys and girls in their own mother-tongue so that they can easily understand its full significance. It also uses drill commands and signalling methods etc., in Hindi as part of its methods of Indianising Scouting and Guiding for Indian children.

5. The B.S.G. realises the importance of villages in the real make up of the country and therefore, pays adequate attention to village scouting and guiding to service in villages by its scouts and guides.

6. The B.S.G. encourages hero-worship and therefore urges the naming of Troops after the great men and women of India who will always remain as ideals before our boys and girls.

7. The B.S.G. encourages Scouts and Guides to give preference to Indian product.

8. The B.S.G. Flag, with its blue back-ground and the fleur-de-lis, the Trefoil and the Asoka Chakra stands for brotherhood national and international, and also for purity and service. The blue colour indicates the universality of the all enveloping sky, the Chakra is the national emblem and the 24 spokes of the wheel representing the 24 hours of dedicated service, everyday.

9. The B.S.G. takes full advantage of the "Good Turn" idea and therefore, prepares and encourages Scouts and Guides to perform national service even under difficult and trying circumstances such as epidemics, flood, famine etc. and also on occasions of big fairs in the country. It has a splendid record of services performed by its Scouts and Guides.

10. The B.S.G. being a movement conducted for the children of India by the people of India, is ever vigilant about the special need of the hour and consequently it modifies its scheme and methods of training in order to keep pace with the changing circumstances whenever necessary.